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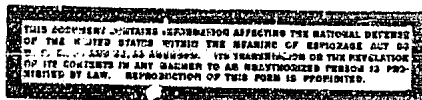
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CZECHOSLOVAK SCRAP SALVAGE DRIVE

An intensive, nation-wide drive to salvage all types of materials, particularly ferrous and nonferrous metals, is conducted in Czechoslovakia on a continuing basis. By collecting large quantities of scrap at home, foreign exchange is made available for more critical materials which have to be imported. Numerous editorials on this subject are appearing in the Czechoslovak press; such campaigns have been occurring at approximate intervals of 6 months.

The organized drive to save scrap materials in Czechoslovakia calls for a program of house-to-house collection. All manner of items, including pots, pans, bones, bottles, etc., are collected each year. Salvage crews in Prague have pledged that they will collect 2 million kilograms more scrap metal than called for in the original plan for 1952.

The 1952 salvage plan requires each citizen of Prague to gather approximately twice as much scrap as during the previous year. In one sector of the city, nine carloads of scrap iron were collected in 2 days of the salvage drive. This material came primarily from private homes and empty lots. Salvaging of scrap iron from industrial enterprises is the responsibility of Kovosrot (Metal Scrap) National Enterprise, whereas other raw materials are collected by the Sberne Suroviny (Raw Materials Collection) National Enterprise.

School children are among the most efficient gatherers of scrap raw materials. They have a 58-kilogram per capita average for raw materials salvaged. The average is highest in the lower grades, where it amounts to several hundred kilograms per pupil. In the interest of further expansion of the scrap collection drive, a contest has been announced for schoolchildren. Winners are to be awarded such prizes as bicycles, footballs, tennis rackets, etc.

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